

MY NEIGHBOR.—“Who is my neighbor,” in a sanitary aspect? Not only is the Irishman in his miserable hut neighbour to Dives in Belgravia, but the Polish Jew in his filthy “quarter;” not only the unvaccinated children of Leicester, but the unvaccinated French Canadian: not only the poor man in the slums, but the Indian ryot, who washes in the village tank and casts his dead into the sacred stream.

IN 1887, notwithstanding the high mortality in some of the cities in Canada during the hot season, the total number of deaths recorded in twenty of the principal cities and towns in the Dominion was less by 382 incidents, or nearly 2·5 per cent., than in 1886. A fact noted in our January issue, although we have not observed it noted elsewhere. It is worthy of note too that the record from zymotics alone in these places was 250 less in 1887 than in 1886.

A GOOD MOVE RELATING TO POULTRY SELLING.—The State Legislature of Massachusetts has enacted the following: 1. No poultry, except it be alive, shall be sold or exposed for sale until it has been properly dressed, by the removal of the crop and entrails, when containing food. 2. Whoever knowingly sells or exposes for sale poultry contrary to the provisions of Sec. 1 of this Act, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five, nor more than fifty dollars for each offence. The Boards of Health in the several cities and towns shall cause the provisions of this Act to be enforced in their respective cities. It would have been better surely to have omitted the words, “when containing,” in the first section. The entrails always contain either food or the excrete refuse of it, containing numberless microbes ready to set up putrefactive or diseased processes.

KNOW THY SELF FIRST.—Dr. E. A. Wood, a distinguished sanitarian, says: “We know all about other people, next to nothing of ourselves. We know the size of the sun, the temperature of the moon, and the weight of Saturn. We spend millions to teach our children the geography and the histories of foreign lands; we study the habits of extinct races that gnawed bones in caves, or slept on piles out on lakes; nay, we even teach the very